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1. SITUATION PAPER: AT MEETING CENTO POLITICAL WORKING GROUP APRIL 18, AGREEMENT REACHED ON PARA 49(D) INCORPORATING PAK AMENDMENT (WITH BRITISH RESERVATIONS TO BE EXPRESSED IN FOOTNOTE). ON PARA 35, HOWEVER, BOTH BRITISH AND TURKS ASKED PAK REP TO PROVIDE TEXT OF INDIAN FONMIN SINGH'S STATEMENT TO WHICH PAKS HAD REFERRED. PAK REP DELCINED OUR SUGGESTION THAT HIS OPINION APPEAR AS FOOTNOTE. CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT COPIES OF SINGH STATE-
MENT BE PROVIDED AS RAPIDLY
AS POSSIBLE AND CALLED MEETING OF GROUP FOR APRIL 25 AT WHICH TIME THIS FINAL DISAGREEMENT MIGHT BE CLEARED UP.

2. POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER: MAJOR DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS AROSE IN MEETING.

A. MOST TROBLESOME PROPOSAL CAME FROM TURK REP, WHO ASKED THAT IN BOTH DRAFTS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION (ORIGINAL SECRETARIAT PAPER AND UK REVISED VERSION), "DIRECTIVES FOR MILITARY PLANNING" SECTION BE REPLACED BY FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QUOTE AD HOC POLITICAL WORKING GROUP

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RECOMMENDS TO THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES TO REQUEST MILITARY,

ECONOMIC, AND COUNTER SUBVERSIVE COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER FUTURE EFFORTS IN THEIR FIELDS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE DETERRENCE OF THE ALLIANCE AT LARGE IN THE LIGHT OF THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CENTO AREA AS SUMMARIZED ABOVE AND TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS TO THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES IN DUE TIME. UNQUOTE REPS OF CENTO MILITARY STAFF AT MEETING STRONGLY CRITICIZED PROPOSAL AS BUCK-PASSING. UK AND US REPS POINTED OUT NEED FOR RAPID PROGRESS IN COMPLETING PAPER WHICH PROPOSAL COULD HAMPER; US REP ALSO NOTED INCONSISTENCY WITH WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED AS TASK OF WORKING GROUP. TURK REP'S ARGUMENT WAS THAT TO BE REALISTIC, WORKING GROUP MUST FIND OUT FROM OTHER COMMITTEES WHAT KINDS OF ACTION ARE FEASIBLE. CHAIRMAN (FARRIOR) SAID THAT AS ALTERNATIVE, SECRETARIAT WOULD IMMEDIATELY PREPARE AND CIRCULATE EXPANDED DRAFT VERSION OF "DIRECTIVES FOR MILITARY PLANNING" SECTION. HE PROPOSED THAT COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEET MAY 7 AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MEMBERS WOULD BY THEN HAVE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING TURKISH PROPOSAL AND YET-TO-BE-PREPARED SECRETARIAT DRAFT.

B. TURK REP ALSO PROPOSED AMENDING UK DRAFT (REV 1 OF CD/74/PWG/D1) AS FOLLOWS:

(1) PARA 2, LINE 5: AFTER "DISPLACING" DELETE REMAINDER OF SENTENCE AND SUBSTITUTE "THE TIES OF THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES WITH THE WESTERN WORLD."

(2) PARA 5, LINE 4: FOR "HAS DEVELOPED" SUBSTITUTE "IS TRYING TO DEVELOP".

(3) SECTION III, LINE 4: AFTER "DOCTRINE" DELETE REMAINDER OF SECTION, SUBSTITUTING QUOTE THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF CHINESE POLICY TOWARD THE REGION IS TO COUNTERBALANCE THE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE REGION RATHER THAN UNDERMINING THE REGIONAL GOVTS BY SUBVERSIVE MEANS. UNQUOTE

C. IRAN REP PROPOSED FOL AMENDMENTS IN UK DRAFT:

(1) PARA 4, LINE 4: AFTER "CENTO" ADD "FOR EXAMPLE, DISPUTES BETWEEN IRAQ AND IRAN".

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(2) PARA 9, LINE 7: BEFORE "AFGHANISTAN'S" INSERT "IRAQ AND". (TURK REP CONCURRED.)

(3) IN PARA 13, LAST SENTENCE: SUBSTITUTE "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" FOR "ANTI-REGIME ELEMENTS".

D. PAK REP SAID HIS GOVT DEFINITELY PREFERS ORIGINAL

VERSION OF GUIDANCE PAPER TO UK DRAFT, CHARACTERIZING FORMER AS "MORE SPECIFIC". HE THEN PROPOSED DELETING COMPLETELY SECTION III, "THREAT FROM COMMUNIST CHINA". IN EXPLANATION, HE ARGUED BRIEFLY THAT MENTION OF CHINESE THREAT IS NOT CALLED FOR BECAUSE THREAT IS FROM SOVIETS.

E. US REP STATED SUPPORT FOR UK DRAFT AND EMPHASIZED THAT UK SUGGESTIONS ON "DIRECTIVES FOR MILITARY PLANNING" FULLY ACCEPTABLE. HE ALSO STRONGLY URGED THAT AGREEMENT BE REACHED IN TIME FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING.

3. COMMENT: ZE RECOMMEND THAT US OPPOSE TURKISH PROPOSAL ON "DIRECTIVES" SECTION, WHICH WE SEE AS CREATING UNNECESSARY DELAY IN COMPLETION OF POLITICAL GUIDANCE. NEW SECRETARIAT DRAFT WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS SOON AS RECEIVED. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING INSTRUCTIONS ON BOTH PRIOR TO MAY 7 COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING.
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